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FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)

On 9/12/75, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIA), provided the following information: (S) (U)

In connection with the projected more active participation of the Argentine military in anti-terrorist activities, SIA collaborated with its sister services in the Argentine Navy and Air Force in studying the possibilities of establishing a Central Anti-Terrorist Command. The idea of the study was to look at the possibilities of resurrecting an organization similar to the Comite de Seguridad which had been approved and abruptly cancelled last year. The three service intelligence agencies came to the conclusion that the creation of a new Central Anti-Terrorist Command is unnecessary and would be a waste of military intelligence resources. The three services came to the conclusion that such a central command organization already existed in the form of the Department of Federal Security of the FPA. A general consensus was reached that the three armed forces would have representatives assigned to the Department of Federal Security as had been the case in the past. In order to carry out the assignment of military personnel again to the Department of Federal Security it was decided that the Director of Federal Security must be an active-duty or retired senior military officer with the equivalent rank of colonel. (S) (U)

It was also agreed that to function effectively, a military head of Federal Security should not be answerable to (S) (U)

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a civilian Chief of Police. Accordingly, it has been resolved that the Chief of the Federal Police should be an active duty or retired Argentine military officer with the rank of at least Brigadier General. (S) (U)

The timing for the above-described changes has been projected to take place during the time of President Peron's official absence when she turns the presidential power to Italo Luder. Luder in turn would replace the incumbent Minister of the Interior, who would be opposed to such a change. (S) (U)

On 9/12/75, an official of the FPA Department of Federal Security advised that the above information is known to ranking officials in the Department of Federal Security and has been accepted as a reality. (S) (U)

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